

**Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee  
Minutes of Monday, August 29, 2005**

The Leesburg Standing Residential Traffic Committee met on Monday, August 29, 2005, in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Municipal Government Center, 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

*Members Present*

Elizabeth Whiting, Chair  
Councilmember Susan Horne

Terry Elvers  
Brian Rolston

*Town Staff Present*

Kathy Leidich  
Calvin Grow  
Mike Bomgardner

*VRTA Representatives Present*

Mike Socha  
Greg McGowan

*Citizens Present*

Misti Booker  
John Mullins

Carolyn Clement  
Gordon Herndon

Noting that a quorum of the committee was not present, Liz Whiting noted that no business could be conducted. However, the committee invited public comment and the VRTA presentation that was scheduled.

1. *Minutes:* Approval of minutes for the August 1, 2005 meeting will be carried over to the October meeting..

2. *Public Comment:* (i) Carolyn Clement, who resides at 126 Lawson Road, noted the reopening of the road after base paving and thanked town staff for the improved sight distance at her driveway. She noted that the paved improvements have prompted increased speed by drivers and inquired whether on-street parking can be restored. She also noted the absence of a speed limit sign as you approach from the north and that a bus stop sign is missing. Calvin Grow questioned the safety of on-street parking in light that the improved right-of-way is only 24 feet in that location. Since Lawson Road is expected to quickly carry the 2000 vehicles per day (vpd) handled before closing and grow to 3000 vehicles per day until it is closed upon completion of Battlefield Parkway, the committee asked staff to evaluate conditions and report at the October meeting. Calvin Grow also noted that committee members were to make a site inspection before the meeting. (ii) Misti Booker, 202 Lawford Drive, confirmed that the committee had received her letter and reiterated her support for leaving the Meade Drive stop signs in place. She also, reiterated that Ad Hoc Committee members failed to muster a quorum for a second consecutive meeting. Liz Whiting noted that if their intent is to see their proposed traffic calming plan adopted, failure to meet only defeats their purpose. (iii) John Mullins, 122 Meade Drive, stated that the Meade Drive stop signs have made a dramatic difference in improving traffic in Greenway Farms. He raised concerns regarding how much more and faster traffic will be introduced into the neighborhood once Battlefield Parkway connects to Meade through the Meadow Brook development. He complained that planned bumpouts would eliminate up to 30% of on-street parking. He also stated that if the stop signs were removed and the traffic calming measures installed, he would have to keep his daughter from riding her bicycle on the sidewalk,

since cars would be traveling right next to the sidewalk. (iv) Gordon Herndon, 105 Plaza Street, asked the committee to look into speeding on Plaza Street. He asked that consideration be given to a speed hump, such as installed on Marshall Street, in the vicinity of his house, which is where traffic speed peaks. Staff is to conduct speed studies and report at the October meeting.

3. *Ad Hoc S.W. Subcommittee HOA Meeting update:* The Ad Hoc Committee did not meet due to the absence of a quorum.

4. *VRTA update:* Kathy Leidich reported on the continuing hunt for a permanent transit hub and outlined the factors going into the site selection. The hub will be relocated on a temporary basis to the private street entering WalMart at the Shenandoah Building. Kathy Leidich introduced Mike Socha and Greg McCowan and walked the committee through planned changes to the three bus routes. Mike Socha noted that relocation of the hub actually provided the opportunity to improve service by eliminating redundancies on two routes and adding a link through Catoctin Circle S.E. that will enhance safety for riders from the skateboard park. The committee will schedule endorsement of the route changes at the October meeting and complimented VRTA for the successful launch of the three routes and study of factors that suggest the proposed modifications will be embraced by riders, as well. Mike Socha promised updated figures on Saf-T-Ride at the October meeting. Liz Whiting noted that the committee would like to be able to make month-to-like-month comparisons now that the program has been running multiple years. (It would be helpful to know when changes to hours of operation were made and the free trolley service was introduced, since the trolley also operates to serve the Saf-T-Ride constituency.) Mike Socha notes that Saf-T-Ride now operates 9AM to 6PM weekdays, 10AM to 4PM on Saturdays and noon to 4PM on Sundays. Staff asked regarding the availability of brochures for the new bus shelter and Mike Socha promised to make them available, noting that a new generation will be produced in connection with the route changes.

5. *Committee concerns:* Liz Whiting reported that Ann Bollinger wrote Susan Horne, Calvin Grow and Liz Whiting that her schedule will preclude attendance during the Fall sports season. Brain Rolston noted that he hadn't seen any sign that the NW vacancy had been advertised. Liz Whiting noted two recent meetings at which no quorum was present (May 2nd and August 29th) and suggested that Ann Bollinger and Ricky Obaugh both should be asked to resign. Liz Whiting will write both and also to the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service to ask for appointment of a member able to attend on a frequent basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, October 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Staff is to contact Liz Whiting if anything arises needing Committee consideration in the interim.